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Appl'n no.: 10/695,118 Examiner: Brian Q. Le
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For: SCREENING METHOD FOR OVERLAPPING SUB-IMAGES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to item no. 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated 1-23-07, please amend the section of page 11, lines 32-33 of the specification as follows.

step 2

Fig. 9 shows patches generated by all possible combinations of engine values E_1 and E_2 .

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Renumbered claims 1-2 were allowed.

No new subject matter has been added to the specification.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify and clarify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary to correct the specification as indicated in item #2 of the Notice of Allowability.

No fees are believed to be due with this response. However, if an error has been made in the fee calculations, this is a general authorization to charge any fees due and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3377.

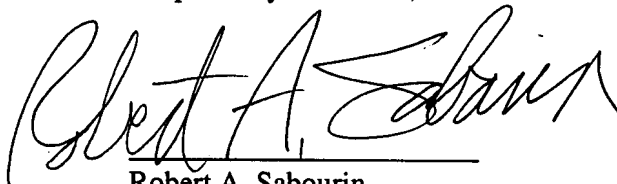
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue in view of the above amendments.

Should questions arise during examination, the Examiner is welcome to contact the applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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